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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Peter John HULME
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For: A METHOD FOR REMOTELY CONTROLLING A PLURALITY OF
APPARATUS USING A SINGLE REMOTE CONTROL DEVICE

Examiner: Brian A. Zimmerman
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Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed November 25, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1 and 23-41 are currently pending in the application and the application as presented is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 23-41 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, asserting that the specification lacks support for the limitations in claims 1, 32, and 36 that relate to second control signals being sent from a first apparatus to a second apparatus without first transmitting the second control signals to the first remote control device. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

To satisfy the written description requirement of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, the application need not describe the claimed subject matter in exactly the same terms as used in the claims. Eiselstein v. Frank, 52 F.3d 1035, 1039 (Fed. Cir. 1995); Koito Mfg. Co. v. Turn-Key-Tech, LLC, 381 F.2d 1142, 1154 (Fed. Cir. 2004). Rather, to satisfy the written description